GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF WHEAT IN OPEN MARKET
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised a proposal to release additional quantum of wheat in the open market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH. KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes sir.

(b): Government has decided to release upto 10 lakh MT of wheat to State/UTs Governments under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS(D)]. The State/UT Governments have been asked to distribute wheat released under OMSS(D) to household consumers and small processors of wheat. State/UT Governments have also been permitted to convert the wheat released under OMSS(D) into atta for distribution to retail consumers.
In addition to above, 8.4 lakh MTs wheat has also been allocated by Government for sale to bulk consumers through open tenders by FCI during Oct.2008 and November 2008.
Details of State-wise allocations and rates are annexed.